



## *2012 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Patricia Wilbur*

**Ottawa, ON, December 3, 2012** – The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2012 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship, Mrs. Patricia Wilbur, doctoral student at the Western University of Ontario. Patricia was presented with the 2012 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship at the Ontario Wood *WORKS!* Awards Gala on November 7<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. Etienne Lalonde, Vice-President of Market Development at the CWC presented the award in front of an audience of 350 architects, engineers and builders representing some of the finest design and construction firms from Ontario.

Catherine, a professional engineer, was a passionate representative of our industry who relentlessly championed the use of wood in residential and commercial construction. She was president of the CWC from 2000 to 2003, when sadly she lost her battle with breast cancer. This award was created to honour Catherine's memory and to perpetuate the legacy she left to the Canadian forest products industry through her 10 years of work at CWC.

The goal of the Memorial Scholarship is to recognize a graduate student from a Canadian university who best exemplifies Catherine's passion for wood and wood products. The recipient must demonstrate academic excellence and be involved in a research project that will have positive influences on the structural wood products industry.

The competition was fierce this year with 22 applications from universities across Canada. All of the submissions were of very high quality, both academically and in terms of the relevance of their work to the future of the industry.

This year's recipient, Mrs. Patricia Wilbur, demonstrates a particularly strong blend of experience and academic excellence. Her doctoral thesis examines the behavior of timber-concrete hybrid buildings under extreme lateral loads. Her work focuses on buildings of massive wood construction, for example Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), used together with concrete elements in structures exceeding 6-stories.

"In our opinion, this submission embraces closely what Catherine was all about: Excellence, dedication, and balance," said Etienne Lalonde.

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